Lakeview Elementary Newsletter

March 2019

From the Principal's Desk: Marching On

Our students and teachers have been such troopers with the snow days throwing off our routines. January's focus was classroom behavior and February's initiative was positive behavior in the hallways. Each classroom had a large hot cocoa mug on the door and the class earned a marshmallow each time they were caught with good behavior. This could mean picking up garbage on the floor, making sure coats and snow pants are hung up neatly, or walking respectfully from one place to another. The winning class at each grade level will earn a hot cocoa party!

Thank you to all the parents and guardians who attended parent/teacher conferences! Our teachers spend a lot of time preparing the information they share and a couple of late nights at school, so we appreciate that you were able to make it! If you weren't able, please contact your child's teacher to find out ways you can support your child's education at home.

It's that time of year again where we seek your input to help us create school-wide goals for next year. You will see the a on your child's iPad (image to the right) to our parent survey. Please complete this by Spring Break. It only takes a couple of minutes and it truly helps us focus our efforts to make Lakeview an even better place for your children.

Our Dino-Mite reading month is off to a great start! The month of March will be filled with special guest readers, literacy night, March Madness book brackets, and plenty of dinosaur related activities. The first graders have already gotten their party started with a green eggs and ham breakfast! Please keep reading with your child every single night!

In Oriole Pride,

Jenn Mackey
Principal

Kindergarten News

Kindergarten continues to be busy working hard learning how to read, write, count and so much more. This is a fun time of the year in kindergarten. Your child continues to excel in these areas. We encourage you to continue to read to your child at home each night to help reinforce the skills learned at school and begin to let them show you their reading skills they have acquired.

Below are the skills being learned by your child:

-Math: teen numbers

-Science: motion related to a push and a pull

-Social Studies: maps and where we live on a map

-Writing: how to write a complete sentence with a focus on small moments

We want to remind you that all though the days are getting longer and we are seeing more sunshine the temperatures are still cold. Please make to send your child with the correct winter gear (hats, gloves, boots, coat, and snow pants). Spring break is drawing near which we hope comes with warm weather. Spring break will begin after school on Thursday, March 21st and school will resume on Tuesday, April 2nd.

Sincerely,
The Kindergarten Teachers

February
Star Students:

KG
Brynn
Caroline
Brooke
Xander

1st
Michael
Avianna
Patrick

2nd
Griffin
Rilyn
Harley

Fabulous First Grade

The second half of first grade can be summed up in one word - BUSY! March will be all about Reading Month and celebrating (and showing off) our wonderful reading skills! Every first grader has grown and polished his/her reading skills over the past 6 months and we very excited about reading all kinds of books. Some children are even moving into chapter books! Check your child's backpack for more information on activities for Reading month.

In math, we are continuing to work on solving story problems and practicing our addition and subtraction facts, moving up to double digit numbers.

Our next science unit, Plants and Animal Characteristics, will take us to the end of the year. We are looking forward to something new this year - Fiddler Crabs! We will also be monitoring the flowers that were planted in the school garden and the growth of our sugar maple from on the playground.

We have some important dates for upcoming events to add to your calendar:

Tuesday - March 5th - Family Night

Friday - March 8th - Shamrock Shake Dance

Sunday - March 10th - Daylight Savings Time begins

Wednesday - March 20th - Reading Month Celebration 8:30 - 11:00 am

March 22nd - April 2nd - Spring Break!

A big thank you to all of the parents/guardians who came to conferences. Let's continue to work together to provide the best education for all of our children.

Ms. Jarvie, Mrs. Kaminski & Mr. Dila

Upcoming Events

March 5th:
Reading Month Family Night
6:00pm-7:00pm

March 8th:
Shamrock Shake
6:00pm-8:00pm @ Lakeview

March 22nd:
No School/Spring Break begins

April 2nd:
Welcome back!

Second Grade Stars

This school year is zooming by! It is hard to believe it is already March! Thank you so much for attending parent/teacher conferences! We enjoy discussing your child's many areas of growth and success with you.

This month in math we are beginning a new unit that will focus on telling time from analog and digital clocks to the nearest 5 minutes using a.m. and p.m.. Also, we will be learning how to read and draw picture graphs and bar graphs. At home, practice this skill by asking your child what time it is throughout the day using an analog and digital clock. Also, discuss whether it is p.m. or a.m. and how you know.

During reading we have been exploring different genres and learning different strategies that readers do while reading to become excellent readers. Students have the opportunity to practice these skills whole group, small group, and individually. Some of the skills include: making predictions, asking questions, telling about the characters and how they solved a problem, telling the main idea or lesson, and nonfiction text features. At home you can help your reader by asking questions about the text, have your child make predictions during the story, and help them look for a problem or lesson in the story. March is reading month! Please look for notes coming home that tell about exciting and fun activities that celebrate reading. Also, keep up the great reading every night (20 min) and don't forget to log your minutes on your reading log!

In writing we have spent the entire second trimester writing wonderful descriptive personal narratives. March is the beginning of our final unit: Informational writing. During this unit, the students will do research on topics of their choice and write nonfiction factual pieces.

During our social studies unit we will learn about economics and the history of Ludington. Students will learn about goods and services, as well as how they impact our community.

We will discuss how people and businesses in our community interact to make our economy strong. Also, we will take a close look at how our community was established and grew throughout time. Students will learn about important events that made Ludington what it is today!

Have a wonderful March!

Mrs. Hanson, Mrs. King, and Mrs. McVannel

Reminders from the Office…

Don't forget to keep the office informed of any changes to your:

- address
- personal phone number
- work location
- work phone number
- emergency contacts

We would appreciate you calling the school office every morning that your child is absent from school. Our direct number is 845-3840. Since it is the policy of Ludington Schools to call the homes of all our absent students each morning, we will call you if we do not hear from you first. If your child will be late to school, please call in their hot lunch order by 9:00AM!

Please continue to have an extra set of clothes in your child's backpack! Accidents happen for kids at any age and we do not always have extra undergarments and pants to spare! If your child has an accident we will call you for a change of clothes! As always, thank you for your help!

PBIS

What is PBIS?

PBIS (Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports) is a school-wide systems of support that include proactive strategies for defining, teaching and supporting appropriate student behaviors to create a positive school environment.

Why do we use it?

By teaching and implementing clearly defined expectations and behaviors for all students, we create a positive learning environment for everyone.

What are Lakeview's Expectations?

Be Respectful!
Be Responsible!
Be Safe!

Expectations should be:

*Taught
*Modeled
*Practiced
*Acknowledged

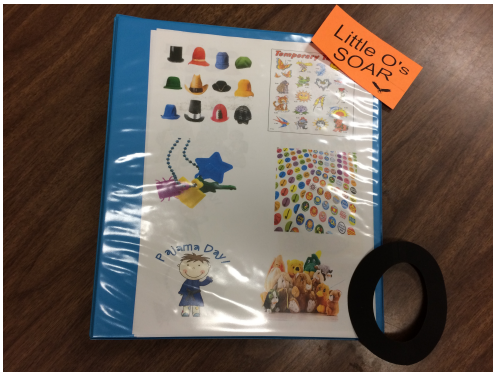
Mission Mondays:

Each Monday morning students are presented with a mission for the week that reinforces our monthly focus. Teachers present students with questions and scenarios for reflection and clarification and challenge them to meet a goal by the end of the week. On Friday there is time to debrief about the week's mission.

How do we acknowledge Lakeview students?

*Star Students
*The Bravo Board
*Little O Tickets
*O Ticket Shopping
*Monthly Incentives that focus on our expectations in different areas of our school

Bravo Board!



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